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Lindy Smith reaches out to the Angel Christmas tree created by the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild during the Festival of Trees at the Minden Cultural Centre on Thursday, Nov. 24. See more photos on page 4.

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AH recovers \$600,000 in back taxes

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township has recovered nearly \$600,000 of the back taxes it is owed.

In July, it was revealed there were some \$2 million in outstanding taxes in the municipality and new treasurer Tammy McKelvey set about starting an aggressive collection campaign.

At a Nov. 24 council meeting, councillors accepted a report from McKelvey that said the township had been able to reduce its arrears by some \$530,000.

McKelvey told councillors the township had collected another \$50,000 since she'd drafted the report and that staff had been doing a good job getting property owners to pay up.

"Everybody's been pretty diligently trying to encourage people to make some payments," she said.

The township has said it is not looking for all the unpaid taxes upfront, just a willingness from those who owe to start paying off their debt.

Some property owners owed as much as \$30,000.

McKelvey said that in some cases, it's not been possible to locate a property owner and that in others, people are refusing to pay.

"Well, we don't tolerate that," Reeve Carol Moffatt said.

"Our efforts have resulted in a much better cash flow and I do not anticipate any borrowing for operating costs at the end of the year, which has been required in the past," McKelvey wrote in her report. "Our revenue for investment interest will also exceed our budget in 2011."

Hospital approved for CT scanner

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton is one step closer to having a CT scanner.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has been approved by the board of the Central East Local Health Integration Unit (LHIN) for the installation of a scanner, as well as a second palliative care suite at the Haliburton hospital.

The good news was delivered at an HHHS board meeting on Nov. 24, following a LHIN meeting the day prior.

However, the hospital isn't out of the proverbial woods

yet.

Other approvals are still required and the community itself must raise the money to pay for the projects.

"We're not expecting any help from the province [with financing]," HHHS board chairman Dale Robinson told the paper.

The scanner could cost between \$3 million and \$4 million, "provided costs don't escalate," Robinson said.

The cost for a second palliative suite – the first one opened this summer – is expected to cost approximately \$500,000.

While they have been approved by the LHIN, the applications must still be approved by the health ministry itself.

"After we get all the approvals, the board has to decide whether we go ahead with this," Robinson said.

Bringing the projects to fruition is a process that will likely take a number of years, he added.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board chairman Peter Oyler and executive director Dale Walker were at last week's meeting and were delighted by the LHIN approval.

Oyler said raising funds for the projects would be foundation's biggest endeavour since the capital drive to build the HHHS facilities themselves and Walker said planning the fundraiser campaign would likely start in the new year.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush has said having a CT scanner in the community would reduce overall health system costs and keep more ambulances in the county.

There have been more than 200 out-of-county transfers of patients for CT scans so far this year.

SIRCH asks community to give locally this Christmas

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The Christmas season is a time when many people choose to give to people less fortunate than themselves and SIRCH Community Services is reminding county residents that those people don't necessarily live overseas.

SIRCH has teamed up with Haliburton-based company TechnicalitiesPlus to create what they're calling their community gift shop.

The Gifts from the Heart catalogue contains a number of gift options geared specifically for families in need in Haliburton County and allows people to exercise what SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson calls "ethical giving."

"You're really trying to make a difference in the gift you purchase," Robertson said. "There are many needs here at

home. I think it's about valuing the people around you in your community. The person walking down the street . . . you have a chance to reach them."

There's everything from warm clothing to vitamins for pregnant women to baby formula to home heating, with prices for each option, contained in the catalogue.

As Robertson pointed out, the gifts are symbolic ones, since SIRCH will ultimately determine what the money is used for based on need.

Haliburton County has one of the highest poverty rates in the province and Robertson sees the struggles of many residents – families, the young, the old – on a regular basis.

"You come across situations where you just don't know how people manage," she said, adding that in some cases, entire families rely on less than \$1,000 a month.

According to Ipsos Reid, charities raise more than three times as much money in cash donations as they do through fundraising activities.

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Reid wants old Walker's building down

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Just when the county will tear down the old Walker's Auto Repair building was discussed by county councillors at their Nov. 23 meeting.

The property along Highway 35 in Minden is where the county will be constructing its new EMS base and where Minden Hills township may move its fire hall.

The county recently had an environmental site assessment completed on the property that revealed contaminated ground east of the building and that groundwater may have carried the contamination under the building to a depth of two to 3.5 metres.

It is expected that 300,000 cubic metres of contaminated soil will need to be excavated at a cost of \$50,000.

The demolition and removal of the building is expected to cost \$24,000.

County roads superintendent Doug Ray recommended the jobs be done together.

"It is recommended that the site remediation be completed at the time the building is removed," Ray wrote in a report to council. "Further consideration should be given to completing this work in conjunction with other earth works that are anticipated on the site."

Given the recommendation, Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey thought the logical and potentially most cost-effective course of action was to wait

until springtime to do the work.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wanted the building down as soon as possible.

"There's going to be a property standards complaint against this building," Reid said.

Minden Hills council passed a new and extensive property standards bylaw in June.

Algonquin Highland Reeve Carol Moffatt wanted to know who was lodging a complaint against the property and Reid said that information was confidential.

There is about a 60-day window for compliance with the bylaw, Reid said, and Fearrey said there was always court provisions.

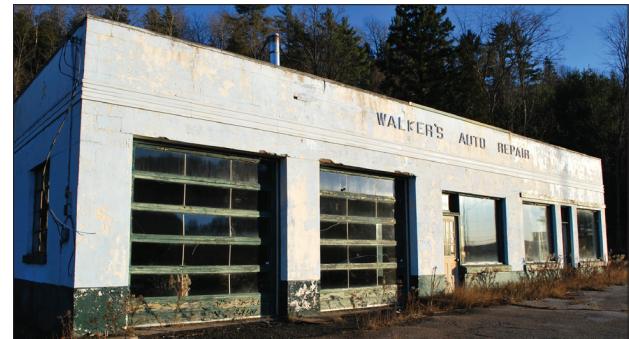
Fearrey wanted to know how the building, which he noted had no broken windows, violated the Minden Hills's property standards bylaw.

"It's unsightly," Reid said. "It detracts from the appearance of our main commercial street."

Fearrey noted the building on the property where Dairy Queen (at the intersection of Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road) is to be built is not the most attractive, and said he thought it seemed like it was going to remain standing all winter.

Reid said that was not necessarily true, since council had recently passed the site plan for the Dairy Queen.

Councillors thought it was awkward that Minden Hills, which may partner with the county on a joint base on the property, would push the county to take down the building and Fearrey wondered why Minden Hills council couldn't simply defer dealing with the property standards bylaw



Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid says there is a complaint coming forward against the county in relation to the old Walker's Auto Repair building on Highway 35, where the county is building its new EMS base. /Chad Ingram

infraction.

"Minden Hills does not want to be looking at that property for the next several years," Reid said. "As responsible property owners, the county needs to deal with it. It's not fair to say the county is exempt from the property standards bylaw just because the county owns it."

Fearrey wondered if Minden Hills would be willing to waive the landfill tipping fee for the disposal of the demolished building.

"I'm sure we could work with the county," Reid said.

Council will discuss the demolition date again in December.

Algonquin Highlands's Cottage Kit wins provincial award

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a Nov. 24 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

The Cottage Kit, brainchild of Algonquin Highlands waste reduction coordinator Gayle Short, was recognized with an award from the Ontario Municipal Waste Association.

The kit, introduced by Short in early 2011, contains eve-

rything a family renting a cottage for a week needs to properly deal with the disposal of their waste, including proper bags and a recycling guide.

Sold at the township's offices and landfills, they were picked up by other municipalities as well.

Algonquin Highlands to host Doors Open

Algonquin Highlands township will host Doors Open in

2012.

Doors Open Ontario is a free event where interesting and historic buildings welcome guests in to have a look around.

In Haliburton County, Minden Hills hosted the event in 2009, Dysart et al in 2010 and Highlands East township this past summer.

While Algonquin Highlands has yet to find a volunteer coordinator to oversee the event, councillors were confident they could find the right person for the job and will be proceeding to make plans with the county's tourism and economic development department.

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Second Festival of Trees shines

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

This year's Minden Hills Festival of Trees, which showcases a variety of Christmas trees at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre this past weekend, is being regarded as a success since getting exceptional feedback and exceeding last year's fundraising total, helped in large part by selling out of 3,500 raffle tickets.

Winners took home a tree when their raffle ticket was drawn on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is extremely grateful to the organizing committee Elli Welch, Jacklin Casper, Pat Campbell and Pam and Joe Smith, who met every month for the year.

Close to 30 volunteers helped contribute 1,200 hours to the event such as Georgina Parkes, Steve Smith and the Rotary Club of Minden who also hosted the \$1,000 Travel Plus Gift Certificate raffle.

The centre credits close to 20 groups and companies that helped to design and create unique decorations for trees and garlands, including providing gift certificates.



Darren Lum Staff

Three-year-old Clementine Bainbridge closely examines the Charlie Brown Christmas tree during the Minden Hills Festival of Trees held at the Minden Cultural Centre on Thursday, Nov. 24. The tree was made by event volunteers.



Georgina Parkes, left, June Anderson, toast the night while friend Fay Martin gets a glass poured by Eric Thompson (out of frame) of Moon Shadows Estate Winery, who donated the wine for the kick off event. Thompson offered seven varieties to sample.



Stained glass ornaments showcase the work of local artist Tom Green, who created the Glass Eagle Studio tree, which featured close to \$1000 worth of work for the second annual Minden Hills Festival of Trees.

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Subdivision plan resurfaces in AH

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A long dormant subdivision application in Algonquin Highlands is coming back to the forefront.

At their meeting on Nov. 24, councillors heard a presentation from surveyor Greg Bishop regarding a housing development along the Kennisis River.

More often called the Hawk River, it connects Big Hawk Lake to Halls Lake.

The proposed subdivision would be located about four kilometres east of Halls Lake, north of County Road 13, on the east side of the river.

The original plan for the subdivision was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs back in 1992.

While such approvals normally contain lapsing dates – a typically three- to five-year period in which construction must take place – this one does not.

The draft approval is still good in the eyes of the province.

Bishop was representing property owner Dawn Muir, who has been attempting to satisfy the conditions of the draft approval and move forward with the subdivision plan since 2007 and has met with township and county staff regarding the proposal.

A revised plan has reduced the number of building lots from the original 21 to 17,

to comply with requirements of the township's official plan, including 60-plus-metre frontages and a 30-metre building setback from the high-water mark.

There are also five blocks of property containing creeks and environmentally protected areas.

A report from the township's planning consultant, Greg Corbett, said there were essentially four ways the township could deal with these blocks of land; have them dedicated to the township; have the proponent retain ownership; have the lot owners jointly own the blocks; or incorporate the blocks into the proposed lots.

Bishop recommended the township take over ownership and said in some cases, such blocks of land inevitably wind up in the hands of the local government.

This seemed to cause some apprehension for Reeve Carol Moffatt, who was concerned about what activities would start taking place once people realized those blocks were public land.

"I think there needs to be greater consideration about your suggestion," Moffatt said.

Moffatt noted the subdivision proposal before had been contentious with residents and that it likely would be again, but also said the subdivision would be beneficial for the township in the way of taxes.

Council voted to send the issue about what should be done with the blocks back to Corbett for further investigation.

Algonquin Highlands wants ticket for Ontario Parkbus

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands township wants on board the Ontario Parkbus Initiative.

Councillors resolved at their Nov. 30 meeting to send a letter to the organizers of the program, expressing their interest in having the township become a stop for the bus tour.

Essentially, the program involves buses running from the Toronto area to parks in the province, Algonquin Park being one of the main destinations.

"I was quite interested when I heard about it," township trails coordinator Mark Coleman told councillors. "It's an interesting pilot project."

According to its website, Parkbus was started privately in 2009 by "a group of outdoor enthusiasts," with the goal of getting a group of people from the city to Algonquin Park on some selected weekends.

In 2010, the program grew further and began operating under the auspices of Transportation Options, a non-profit, sustainable tourism organization.

In 2011, it grew again, partnering with Ontario Parks and receiving funding from the tourism ministry.

The township is already part of the circuit, with Algonquin Outfitters in Oxtongue Lake being a stop.

Coleman is hoping that Algonquin Highlands can get more exposure, though.

"Dorset, in itself, as a community, could be a stop location," he told councillors.

Coleman was unsure of stats such as how many people were using the service.

Reeve Carol Moffatt hoped the organizers of the program could be talked into looking at using the Highway 35 corridor as a route.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wondered if there would be financial considerations for the township sometime down the road.

"That wasn't our intent, to get into that kind of relationship," Coleman said.

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Move together

LAST WEEK, the reeve of Minden Hills told her counterparts on county council that a complaint under her township's property standards bylaw would be coming forward against the county in relation to the old Walker's Auto Repair property.

For anyone just tuning in, the Highway 35 property, which houses an abandoned service station, was purchased by the county last year and is where it will be building its new EMS base.

It is also the property where, in a joint project with the county, Minden Hills may be relocating its fire hall.

When her counterpart to the north asked the reeve from whom this complaint was coming, she was told that was confidential information.

So, to you, mystery complainant, whomever you may be, I ask you to reconsider pushing the county in this way.

Not many are going to argue that the old Walker's garage should be preserved as a heritage building.

While it may be a source of nostalgia for some, it's a dilapidated service centre, and, if I do say so myself, "unsightly."

But the thing has been standing there, abandoned, since dinosaurs roamed the earth - or at least 20 years

or so, according to longtime residents. So what's the big rush?

The will of county council seems to be to raze the building in the spring since it could potentially save money if the demolition and removal, along with the excavation of contaminated soil, is combined with other site preparation work.

After all this time, what's the harm in letting it stand another six months?

Especially if it will save the county some money.

As the politicians in our two-tier system so often like to say, "there's only one taxpayer."

There's also something to be said for the spirit of cooperation.

Haliburton County, Minden Hills's parent municipality, has invited it to join in a project that could save the township a considerable amount of cash in building a new fire hall.

It seems silly for Minden Hills to aggravate its upper tier over something so frivolous.

There is a great song by Canadian blues artist Ndidi Onukwulu called *Move Together*.

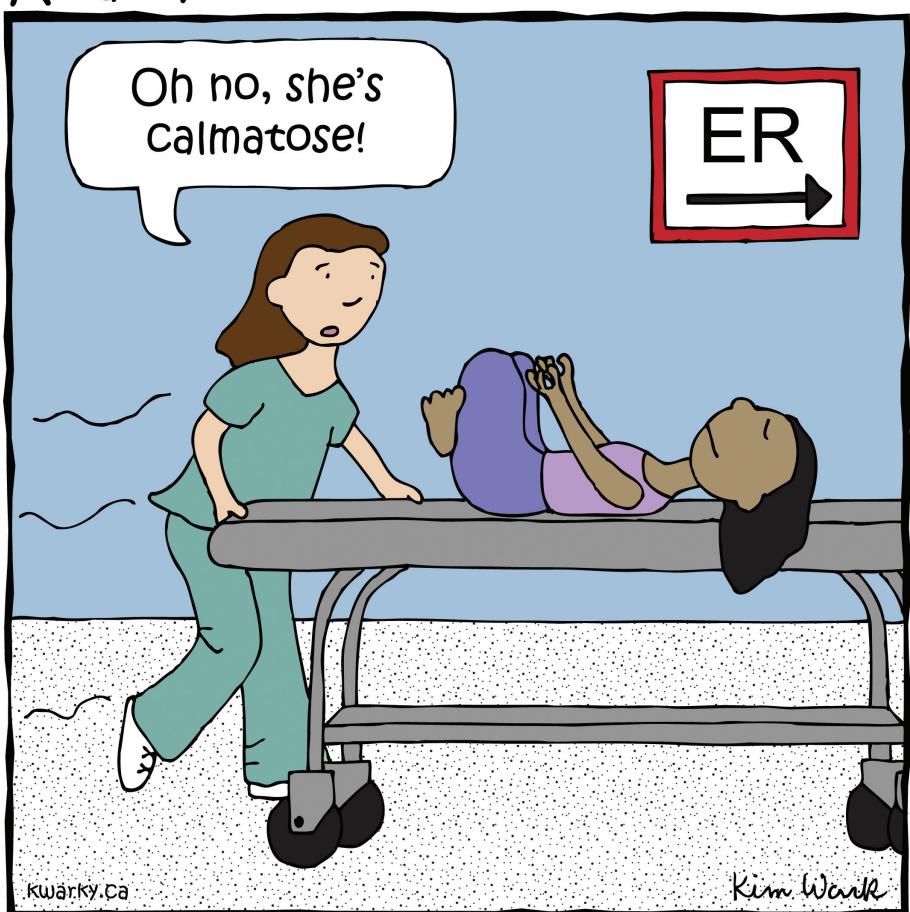
Its refrain is this: "We can get there faster if we all move together, we can get there faster if we all move together . . ."

Sing it with me.



Chad Ingram
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letters to the editor

Reeve thanks the community

To the Editor,

Thank you, thank you, thank you and thank you!

What a busy weekend in Minden! The second annual Festival of Trees was truly magnificent. There were trees, wreaths, garlands, and gifts galore. The gift shop had some of the loveliest crafts I've ever seen. Thank you to all our community members for your sponsorship, creations and donations. You've helped make Festival of Trees into a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to Laurie Carmount and the entire Minden Hills Cultural Centre staff, MHCC advisory committee member Pam Smith and the many, many volunteers who spent hours preparing for and staffing the event over the weekend.

No problem with benefits discussion

To the Editor,

Since Richard Bradley lost his bid for council in the last municipal election he has repeatedly written to the newspapers to criticize members of Minden council and particularly Reeve Barbara Reid. Up until this time I have not felt the need to respond, but as a national representative for 30 years from a large union and an instructor in collective bargaining at the U of T I feel compelled to voice my opinion about his comment, "this leaves the township wide open to a bad faith bargaining complaint and/or perhaps a unfair labour practice charge."

I understand that Mr. Bradley is affiliated with a national union and should know better than to comment on what another union would do, as the town workers are represented by a different union.

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A ballsy move

THESE DAYS, our children must think the world is a very confusing place. On one hand, the adults take all sorts of financial, environmental and military risks and, on the other, they ban their kids from playing with anything that even borders on the realm of fun.

Why? Because there might be a slight chance of injury.

A prime example was the recent ban, and subsequent reinstatement, of balls in Toronto-area school yards. It started when one adult was hit in the head with a soccer ball; this, in turn, quickly escalated into a policy that prohibited kids from using a play object as old as civilization – an adult's head.

And while this policy was quickly rescinded, I think we continue to miss the point.

From pen knives to soccer balls, the list of things that children are now not allowed to enjoy in school gets lengthier with each newly imagined worst case scenario.

Having grown up in the golden age of lawn darts and slingshots, I happen to think that this is much ado about nothing. After all, my generation was given free rein to get clobbered with baseballs, soft balls, basketballs, volleyballs, dodge balls, soccer balls, tennis balls, snow balls, ice balls, bowling balls, hockey pucks and, in spring, mud balls and none of these things caused us much permanent mental damage. And, before you point out that I choose to make my living as a freelance writer,

let me just say that this had nothing to do with that batting cage mishap.

The problem with that temporary ban on balls was to be put in place for all the wrong reasons. This was not about protecting kids from getting hurt – although that's what was being claimed. If it were about protecting the younger students from getting injured by balls thrown by larger kids, there are certainly better, less restrictive, ways to do it – designating different areas of the schoolyard for instance.

Or arming second graders with shields and spears and then training them to form a defensive phalanx every time a ball is sighted by first



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

grade cavalry. Admittedly, the first concept might be a little excessive.

In the end, parents protested this policy because they thought banning balls was akin to throwing out the baby with the bath water – and we all remember what that felt like too.

In short, the policy didn't make sense. Our educators ask our kids to be more active and then they decide to take away the tools.

Why not make lemonade out of these lemons? I say give our kids more balls and the means to launch them.

That way, the survivors will eventually do Canada proud in international dodge ball competitions. And maybe adults will finally keep out of the schoolyard.

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No cash, no house, no hope

PERHAPS A PSYCHOLOGIST could explain why the middle-aged woman decides to share her despair with a stranger in a book store. Maybe she is so filled with grief, it just boils over.

The stranger is me. The Brown Dog Jiggs and I are in a big-box Peterborough book store, looking for folks with so much more money than they knew what to do with that they will buy my book.

Now, there is a pretty good chance that book-store browsers have more money than they know what to do with or at least some room on a credit card, because they are there to pay for something they can get for free at the library.

At least, that is what I am counting on when I approach this woman, wisps of grey obscuring her age, dressed casually but neatly in windbreaker and slacks.

"May I tell you about my book?" I probably ask her, for that is how I begin all my pitches that night.

"All right," she says. "But not for long – we have to leave to pick up my daughter in 10 minutes." She nods at her silent partner, also grey, perhaps with middle age.

"I'll only take five minutes," I promise her. Then I explain to her why owning my book, *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, will give her life new meaning. It is why I am there, selling and signing, for I have no shame.

"If you don't want it for yourself, it would make a perfect gift."

My five minutes must be almost up. "I've already told my daughter her only gift under the Christmas tree will be a package of candy," she tells me.

"We aren't buying anything. We have no money. We're just here killing time."

Neither sale nor signing here, I guess. There is nothing to say to that. She is a graphic designer, which should be the future in our knowledge economy, but she has lost her job.

"We maxed out our credit cards, just to keep going. Now that's gone. Tomorrow, we're going to talk to a real-estate agent about selling our house."

There are no jobs out there, she tells me. No real chance of temporary work at Christmas to tide her over. No hope,

is what I hear, though she doesn't say that.

The conversation ends there and so I will never know her back story. Did her job simply evaporate in these hard times, or was she fired for cause? Is she a drinker, a slacker, an incompetent?

I vote for hard times, for there are hard times all around us. Once the career that abandoned her seemed promising enough that she could get a mortgage, own a house.

There will be better days, a job flipping burgers or pumping gas, just putting food on the table, but time running out to make a decent life, own a house again, save for a comfortable retirement. No room left for her in the middle class.

Some days I wish I were younger, but not so much anymore. Once I belonged to a well-paid working class and now I sit on my pension, watching working-class dreams dry up and blow away for the generation that came after mine.

Now I sit up here with my contemporaries, living on pensions that feel



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

safe for now, watching a way of life crumble. This is not news in Haliburton, where times have always been hard for a working man.

We watch from a distance as the One Per Cent trump the Ninety-Nine Per Cent by turning the Occupy Movement on its head, make tents, not poverty, the issue.

There is a house of cards out there still in a process of collapse, more wealth in fewer and fewer hands, dollars working at nothing more important than making more dollars.

Not making things anymore, not making anything useful, anything useful being made more cheaply elsewhere except that soon there will be nobody left with the money to pay for it.

A man old before his time, wrinkled with care or the weather, sits on the curb outside an entrance to the Lindsay Square Mall, playing the spoons, a begging cup at this side. In Lindsay!

Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?

Neil Campbell's book, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

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letters

Festival of Trees a great success

from page 6

The Santa Claus parade was a huge success too. There were musicians, singers, dancers and politicians; members of our local police, emergency medical and fire services staff with sirens blaring; cars, trucks, wagons, tall horses and small horses; candy, hot chocolate and, of course, the big guy himself. Santa sure had his work cut out for him – there were so many children and adults waiting for that special photo op and the chance for a whispered request. Thank you to all who spent hours on floats and making the time to participate in our parade. Thank you to Rick Cox and all the community services department staff, events advisory committee member Mike Janeta takes his volunteer team for all your efforts towards another successful parade.

The Community Care Bowl-A-Thon was great fun and raised a considerable sum for this important work. Thanks to Val Lennox at The Fast Lane for your support and hospitality. Despite your excellent coaching, I think I'm a candidate for the worst bowler in Minden award! Thanks to Annette Richardson and all the volunteers who organized this event.

Finally, thank you to all our community members who came out to support these events. Seeing you throughout the day was heart-warming and makes me very proud to be a member of this community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Barb Reid
Reeve
Township of Minden Hills

I want to know

from page 6

Furthermore, it is only good sense for council to be informed of the rising cost of benefits and good business to explore ways of containing these rising costs. To suggest that informing the council of what the options are is bargaining in bad faith or unfair labour practice is just a fantasy. When the town sits down to negotiate, the union of record that represents the town workers will decide what's fair, not another union. To suggest that a report on rising costs would jeopardize negotiations is dreaming in technicolour; all companies, municipalities, and other management teams give interim reports all the time and it is not the basis for bargaining in bad faith.

Barbara Reid ran on a platform that included the high cost of benefits at the town, mostly due to the use of short-term disability. I went to the all-candidates meetings and I remember her citing the figures for this, so I would say this has been a problem for some time.

As a citizen and taxpayer of Minden I want to know what's going on. Their promise was to be transparent and it seems to me that's what they are doing.

The discussion at council in my opinion does not constitute bargaining in bad faith, or an unfair labour practice. It would be interesting to see how Mr. Bradley would fare before the Ontario Labour Relations Board, but then it's easy to talk when you don't have to walk the walk.

Marilynne Lesperance
Minden

Thankful to see shoe trees go

To the Editor,

Bravo to CoKL Councillor Hodgson for taking it upon himself to finally rid the community of the so-called Kinmount Shoe-trees. I have often suggested that visitors unfamiliar with the area stop by and take a look at this eyesore. Of course I always warn them to beware of the traffic hazard along that stretch of the road. At times I've encountered another vehicle driving within a two or three mile radius of that spot and as often as not the tractor will be hauling a load of hay bales creating added hazard. Some friends have suggested that in a different country this blight might be turned into a national heritage site or per-

haps a theme park but to them I can only say that this community has enough things on its plate without tacitly supporting joy and whimsy among the citizenry. I hope that before council holds him accountable Mr. Hodgson can focus his deconstructive vision on that horrible run down old mill in Kinmount. If anything needs cleaning up it's that disgusting old stack of rotting boards. And the space could be used more effectively by erecting a nice half vacant strip mall.

Jon James
Minden

The little station that could

To the Editor,

Regarding your article in last week's *Minden Times* reporting on the Canoe FM annual general meeting, Canoe FM really appreciates the \$239,539 raised last year through broadcast advertising and various fundraising projects such as the annual Country Music Hoedown and the golf/canoe draw, the radiathon and of course general donations. This amount of money is necessary to maintain or improve the quality of the on-air services we provide to the community.

Our operating expenses for the year totalled \$220,912, leaving us a net income of only \$18,627. This will be invested this year into updating and improving the reliability of our broadcast equipment, software and programming. The reality is that

the cost of running a "business" which reaches all corners of the county is increasing each year. On the other hand, most of our expenses represent monies put directly back into the local community through purchases, commissions and salaries.

As a volunteer community radio station we rely solely on advertising sales and fundraising. We sincerely thank all of our volunteers, supporters and listeners for their ongoing support.

Canoe FM has become an integral part of Haliburton County. We are The Little Station That Could!

Paul Cameron
President, Canoe FM
Case Bassie
Treasurer

County looks for help with water festival

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 23 county council meeting.

The county will be appealing to the District of Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes to pay their fair share for the Muskoka-Haliburton Children's Water Festival.

Councillors received a letter from festival organizer Irene Heaven requesting the county support the 2012 festival in the amount of \$5,000.

The county has been providing the popular, education event with \$5,000 in funding each year for several years now.

However, while schoolchildren from Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes also attend the festival, those governments have been lax when it comes to funding.

Traditionally, Muskoka has provided no funding and last year, the City of Kawartha Lakes provided \$500, at the urging of the county.

While Heaven continues to try to get funding from those municipalities, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she thought the county should apply a little pressure.

"I think [Heaven] needs some help," Reid said, suggesting County Warden Murray Fearrey get involved.

"We're the smallest and we're paying the most," said Fearrey, who's been annoyed by inequality in municipal

funding in the past. "I'd be happy to do that."

Of the 932 students who attended the two-day event at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in September, 46 per cent were from Muskoka, 36 per cent were from the City of Kawartha Lakes and 18 per cent were from Haliburton County.

The festival's total budget is approximately \$65,000, with cash and in-kind contributions.

Tree preservation bylaw comments lack consistency

Councillors still have a lot of work ahead of them in the creation of a shoreline tree preservation bylaw for the county, planning director Jane Tousaw said.

In early 2011, the county's four lower-tier municipalities delegated their powers to create bylaws dealing with the destruction of trees to the upper tier so it could create an overarching bylaw dealing with the destruction of shoreline vegetation.

There has been a public input process regarding the bylaw and a report from Tousaw said a summary of the comments to date is almost complete.

However, she warned councillors there has been very little consistency in those comments.

"Some people would like to see you restrict tree-cutting 100 metres back [from shorelines]," Tousaw said, explaining that others wanted very few restrictions. "We have some hard work ahead of us."

She recommended a planning committee meeting be held in January to go over the comments and provide suggestions for the creation of a draft bylaw.

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**Finance Advisory Committee meeting
January 30th, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.
second floor boardroom
Township of Minden Hills**



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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| December 2nd | 9:00 pm Annual Christmas Dance - Minden Hills Community Centre (cash bar) - Public Welcome |
| December 8th | 9:00 am Last regular Council meeting for 2011 (Public session 10:00 am) |
| December 18th to January 2nd | Cultural Centre - closed |
| December 19th, 20th & 21st | Christmas Food Basket Program at Community Centre |
| December 23rd | Administration Office open all day |
| December 26th to January 2nd | Administration Offices - closed |
| January 3rd Administration | Offices and Cultural Centre reopen |
| January 7th | Town Hall meeting at Community Center |
| January 30 | 10:00 am Finance Advisory Committee meeting |



The Minden Hills Cultural Centre would like to thank all the volunteers, sponsors, and visitors that made the 2nd Annual Festival of Trees a success. It was a fantastic event thanks to all of you.

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The Back Words contest winners will be announced at a Public Celebration on December 3rd at 11am at R.D. Lawrence Place. Come out to hear the winning submissions at this fun event.

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Come vote for the People's Choice Award at the Members' Show!

The annual Members' show will be running through to December 17th at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Come see the work submitted by our Gallery's very talented Members and be sure to fill out a ballot for your favourite in our **People's Choice Award**. Join us for the **closing reception on Saturday, December 17 at 3 p.m.** The People's Choice winner will be announced, and all in attendance can enjoy some Holiday Cheer. It's a fun time to enjoy your Gallery and maybe do some Christmas shopping in our gift shop.

**The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be closed for the Holidays
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For more information on any of these events please see our website at
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THE MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

With year round programming for the community, the Cultural Centre offers educational workshops; lectures; exhibitions; events and activities in art, heritage and culture.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre comprised of the Agnes Jameson Gallery, The Minden Hills Museum, and the R.D. Lawrence Place is seeking individuals in our community who have a passion for, and are committed to advancing culture in Minden Hills.

The MHCC Advisory Committee is inviting any members of the community (who live in Minden Hills township) interested in joining this arts/culture/environmentally focused committee by forwarding a letter of interest to:

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Santa Claus parade brings out the young and old in Minden

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Crowds lined the street as a sea of green and red balloons greeted Santa Claus for the annual parade in Minden on Nov. 26.

The festive event drew children of all ages as floats of various shapes and sizes made their way down Bobcaygeon Road.

Faces lit up as candy canes were handed

out to those in attendance while musical guests such as the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes marched down the street.

Political officials such as Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott were all smiles as they waved to the crowd.

Following the parade Santa Claus spent some time at the Village Green and visited with children for a photo opportunity.



The man in the red suit waves to the crowd at the finale of the Santa Claus parade in Minden on Nov. 26.



Above, crowds lined the streets of downtown Minden for the annual Santa Claus parade as candy canes were handed out to children of all ages.

Below right, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott waves to the crowd.



Photos by Angelica Blenich



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Step 1: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Step 2: Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 705-457-6901. Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton & Minden.

Remember: to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 16th. Early delivery to the workshop means the elves have enough time to prepare the baskets before Christmas.





Angelica Blenich Staff

Above, elementary school students from Archie Stouffer are all smiles atop a float during the Santa Claus parade in Minden on Nov. 26.

Right, children young and old were treated to festive balloons and candy canes at the annual event.



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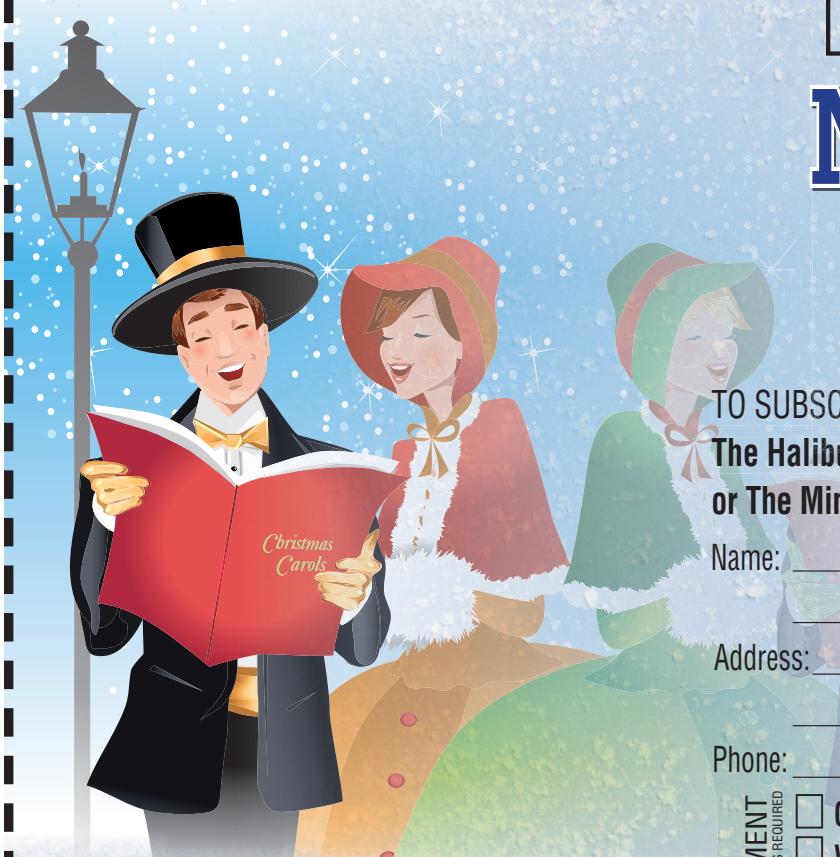
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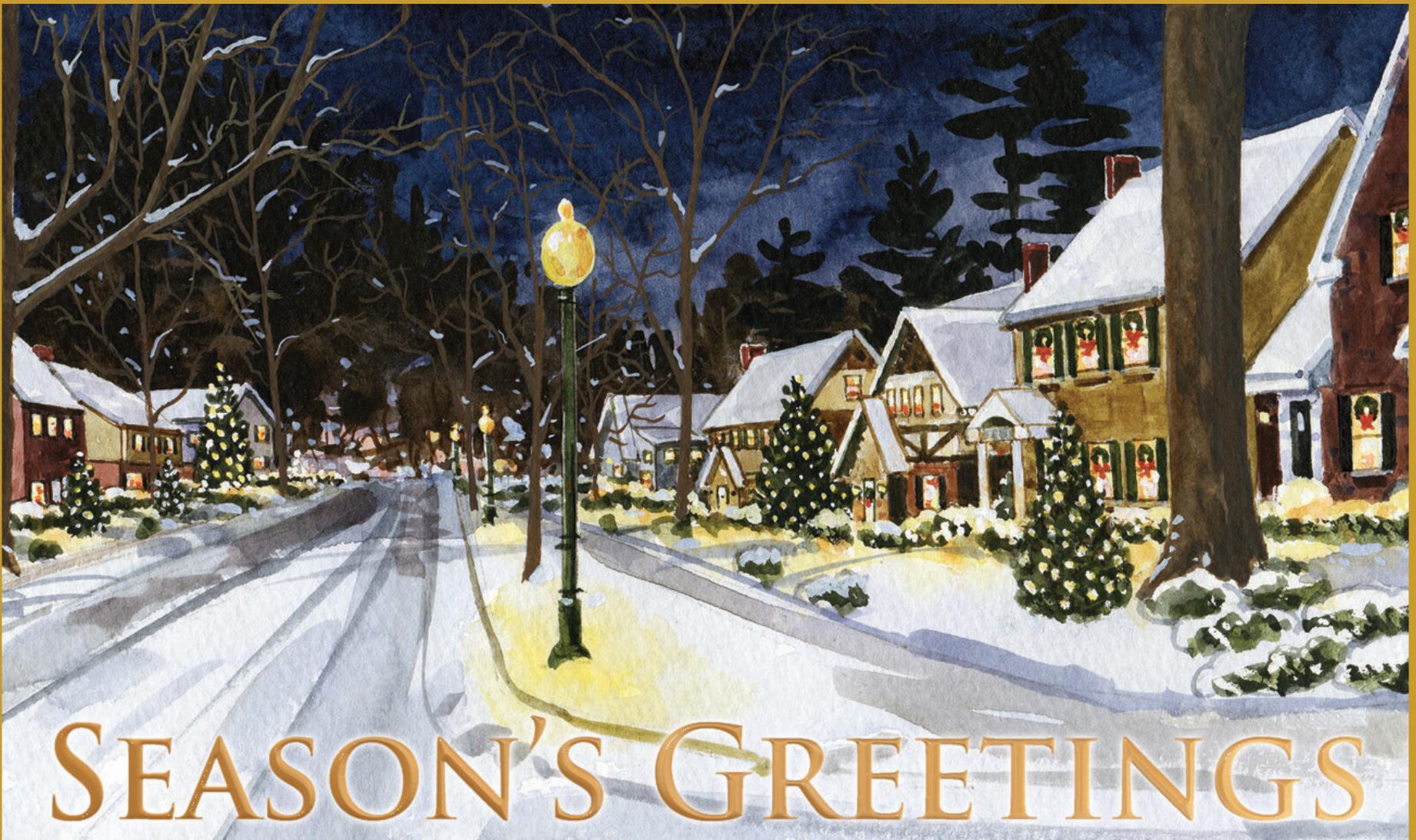
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County considers loans for med students

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County councillors will be considering new financial incentives to help attract doctors to the area.

Councillors heard a presentation from Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Paul Rosebush and chairman of the county's health professional recruitment committee, Jim Mitchell, during their Nov. 23. meeting.

Rosebush and Mitchell recommended the county start an interest-free loan program for medical students who agree to practice within its boundaries.

It's a program that's proved successful in the neighbouring Hastings County.

"Everybody likes to see results," Rosebush said. "Hastings County has seen results."

Through its loan program, Hastings has been able to recruit 12 doctors over three years and is now equipped with enough physicians to fulfil its needs.

The county signs an agreement with the students, providing them each funding of \$25,000 a year. In return, the students promise a return of five years of service and the county takes out an insurance policy.

In 2006, Hastings budgeted \$100,000 for its four med students, with that budget amount growing to \$300,000 in 2010 for 12.

Medical school costs approximately \$36,000 a year.

"It takes more than sweet talk . . . it takes more than a beautiful county to get physicians," Rosebush said.

He recommended looking at students in at least in their third year, as well as those at the residency stage of their medical training.

One of the problems identified in attracting doctors to Haliburton County has been the inability of their spouses, commonly also professionals of some sort, to find work.

"Is this an issue that can be overcome?" Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis asked Rosebush.

"It can be overcome to a certain degree," Rosebush responded, saying that if the county is aware of what the spouse does, it can look to local organizations and boards to see if there is capacity for employment.

Take part in poverty-reduction workshop

The City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton are collaborating on the development of a Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Poverty reduction impacts all of us. Job loss, illness, or accidents can place people into difficult situations.

We need your views on how to make our community a better place for those having trouble making ends meet.

Nine focus groups have already been held providing input from more than 80 people.

Two engagement sessions are now being held to solicit input from the public to better understand the impact of poverty and to identify solutions.

The results of the sessions will be incorporated into the strategy report and will be used to guide the implementation of a strategy for the future. All results will protect participant confidentiality.

Join us at one of the following sessions:

Monday, Dec. 5
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey was wary of recruits defaulting on their loans and thought the program might work better if doctors were given the money after setting up shop in the county.

"Then you'd know for sure they were coming," he said.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid wanted to know if the county would be the sole funding body of such a program or if other stakeholders would be involved.

Rosebush, who thought attaining two med students was a realistic starting goal, said he knew of other parties who could be invited to the table.

Reid also asked how Sheila Redpath, a recruitment professional who is donating her time to the county's physician recruitment effort, was working out.

After contacting a long list of people, Mitchell said he thought Redpath had leads on about four.

"The leads were fairly typical of the other leads we get," Mitchell said, explaining they were interested in talking, adding that Redpath was also following up with residents and locums who'd practised periodically in the county.

Redpath, wife of Minden Hills Councillor Ken Redpath, was brought to the committee's attention through Reid.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wanted to know who Redpath was reporting to.

Mitchell said Redpath was to report to his committee on a monthly basis and Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who sits on the committee, said they were looking forward to Redpath's first report in December and that a formal reporting structure would be implemented.

Danielsen thought the county should come up with the money to support the loan idea.

The committee has been in place for 10 years, has dealt with approximately 300 physicians interested in the area, but has not been able to recruit any.

It operates using a budget of \$4,000 from the county and \$5,000 from HHHS.

Currently, there are 11 doctors practising in Haliburton Village, one in Minden, as well as two in Kinmount.

Of the approximately 16,500 permanent residents of the county, an estimated 5,700 are without a local family doctor.

Councillors will be discussing the loan program idea further.



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For further information regarding the Poverty Reduction Strategy, contact Lynda Rickard, Executive Director of TAG at 705-878-9261 or Rod Sutherland, Manager of Social Services for City of Kawartha Lakes at 705-324-9870, ext. 3206.

Legion gives HHHSF a boost through poppy fund

The Minden Legion donated \$1,000 from its poppy fund to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation on Nov. 21. Pictured from left are HHHSF board chairman Peter Oyler, Legion president Thelma Lee, poppy chairwoman Georgina Parkes and HHHSF executive director Dale Walker. The donation brings the foundation to \$130,000 in its quest to raise \$300,000 for new x-ray machines for the Minden and Haliburton hospitals through its Seeing is Believing campaign. /Chad Ingram



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Circle, an exercise in progress

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Sitting in a circle, children take turns speaking, holding the group's attention when holding a yellow ball with a graphic smile on it. On this day children evaluate their goal set earlier in the week. They range from progress towards the completion of assignments to desk cleanliness.

Known as the restorative circle, this is the setting used by the Archie Stouffer Elementary School to not only set and achieve goals, but resolve conflicts between students in certain situations.

It is one of the restorative practice techniques being used by schools within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), as part of communal development of strong character and positive per-



Darren Lum Staff

The ball is passed to a student, signifying who has the attention of the group, during the restorative circle in Mark Stamp's class. This is one of the restorative practices being used by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board for goal setting, achieving and conflict resolution to name a few.

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Students set goals with each other, help resolve issues together

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sonality traits.

The TLDSB has taken the approach to not only educate students academically, but to teach the values and manners respected in people of good social standing using restorative practices and an entire arsenal of tools. These include the Puzzle Piece figure, which represents attributes such as fairness, respect and compassion and the use of school wide assemblies dedicated to themes such as kindness.

Mark Stamp, a Grade 4/5 teacher at ASES, takes umbrage with any claims that manners and values are not being taught in public schools since the emphasis to the contrary with the introduction of the restorative circle mandated by the board for all schools this year.

"That's the basis of our program. That's why I do those [restorative] circles every morning. I take 20 to 30 minutes of my day to teach these kids social character, about being good people and to be respectful," he said.

He spends the first part of every day for close to 20 minutes in the circle, using it to concentrate on facilitating the personal development of his students. This method enables the entire class an opportunity to work as a community, sharing in the responsibility instead of leaving the setting and achievement of goals to the individual.

Within this circle students and the

teacher offer support and constructive criticism about the effort and the steps in achieving goals.

Goals aside, when it comes to manners the foundation still rests with the parents, teachers say.

"Manners have to start at home, really ... parents teach a lot of the manners. We can reinforce it. Is it the teacher's responsibility to completely teach manners? I don't know, but I do because some kids might not be getting it. I don't know," he said.

Just down the hall in Brenda Brouwer's class, the Grade 6 students are also in a circle, spending close to the same amount of time, except they set goals over a two-week period, coming together every other day during that period to assess and help with attaining the goals of each student.

The older group doesn't hesitate to offer suggestions for one student, who cannot think of a goal, after she revealed her initial goal failed to materialize. They chime in, one after another with a suggestion for Tyra Barrett.

To the outsider it appears to be an attack, from all sides, directed at the young girl.

However ASES vice principal, Sheila Shauf, who helps the board train staff in restorative practices, said its intent is to help and as long as there is an atmosphere of trust the suggestions should be readily accepted despite how it looks to outsiders.



Darren Lum Staff

Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher Mark Stamp believes he is doing everything he can to help his students academically and socially.

Upon questioning, Tyra reaffirms this idea.

She appreciated the suggestions and believes in the circle for how it has not only facilitated her goals, but affected her life.

"It also helps us grow as [people]. I just came to the school this year and before

I came here I wasn't the best student. I missed a lot of school. I didn't get the best grades. Now I'm doing much better on my work than I was before," she said.

She spent two years studying at Brock Public School in downtown Toronto and has seen a jump in her grades, which have improved from Bs and Cs to Bs and As.

Wherever she has gone to school there has never been anything like a restorative "circle." At her city school she remembers there was a lot of fighting and an entirely different attitude, particularly between students.

Students are also learning to resolve issues with the circle. They have recently introduced this restorative circle concept to not replace, but to use in addition to the usual consequences of detention, suspension and expulsion, which has its supporters and detractors.

The restorative practices concept comes from the juvenile justice system, Shauf said.

What was observed in the application of the concept has been a reduction in recidivism, specifically at schools such as Brookside Youth Centre, which services students with "criminal problems," she said.

She adds Larry Hope, the director of education for the TLDSB, was part of the movement to introduce the concept here.

"His past board was one of the first boards on and the Ministry of Education as well has been putting it in our literature as well that it is a way of promoting safe and caring communities within our schools. Restorative practices has come through in that piece," she said.

In high schools for students without "criminal problems" where restorative

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Restorative circles tackle instances of bullying

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practices have been successfully applied, she said, the positive effects have been recognized by a “plummet” in suspensions and expulsions.

"Kids are coming to school more often. They're staying in school. They're getting their diplomas," she said.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School staff has been trained and has adopted the formal concept this year, said the vice principal Irv Sternberg.

However, he said the school has always applied a type of restorative practice in one form or another, but said this is a formal approach set out by the board.

Public education has its sights set on producing better humans, but is it at the expense of those they want to help? It's a question that has come to the forefront for some parents picking up the emotional pieces from how a restorative circle can go wrong.

One parent, who wishes to remain anonymous, said the circle may have its value and intent to help, but the reality can fall short.

Her son was the victim of a bully and using the circle left the bully crying. When this happened her son was equally upset and brought it home to her.

She said children are not emotionally mature enough to handle this outpouring of emotion and parents are left picking up the pieces.

In terms of applying this to the real world when people are caught hurting someone there is not a "circle" to resolve issues. People are punished for their actions, she said.

Shauf said the restorative circle does not replace consequences.

"While we've taken to restorative approach there's

always consequence to our action. Sometimes those consequences are going to be what we've typically seen in the past. They're still in our toolbox ... it's adding dialogue and the ability to communicate," she said.

In another case a parent recounts how her daughter, acting as a witness to a conflict, had to repeat curse words, which affected her daughter considerably and disturbed her.

The mother understands the aim of the approach, but is not entirely sure if children in elementary school are capable of handling the stress associated with this approach.

As a board trainer, Shauf said it is important that teachers properly gauge the class in terms of the use of the restora-

"During the training, and here at the school, I've been asking them not to do anything until they feel they have the caring, compassionate, classroom atmosphere. They shouldn't be tackling anything that is beyond the interpersonal, getting to know you, building community type topics. Teachers have to be really careful and they have to use lots of special judgment about if their class is ready for that type of thing and if they are, they can move ahead. If they're not, they should never ever go there because you can dam-

When there is a conflict the involved parties (in a private setting away from the circle) are each given restorative questions to answer related to a conflict to learn about the details related to when things go wrong and when someone has been harmed.

There are specific questions directed at the offending party: What happened? What were you thinking of at the

time? What have you thought about since? Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way? What do you think you need to do to make things right? The five questions directed at the victim are what did you think when you realized what had happened? What impact has this incident had on you and others? What has been the hardest thing for you? What do you think needs to happen?

For all of the intent of the board, administrators and teachers, some students just use the circle as an opportunity to waste time.

A Grade 6 student, away from the class and his peers revealed the circle is just another way for him and his friends to waste time at school. However he does admit it is effective for resolving conflicts between students and has been a witness to four such scenarios when he saw the effect.

Shauf was a teacher for eight years at Alexandra Public School in Lindsay before she started as an administrator this past May with ASES.

Parents, she said, are encouraged to speak to her or the principal Traci Hubbert if there is a problem with how the restorative circle is administered, as the execution of the concept is crucial towards the effect on the children.

"If teachers move ahead and misjudged the situation that's where we rely on parents to come and say, 'Whoa, this is really what my child is thinking and feeling,'" she said.

She asks for parents' input and will accept anonymous letters, but said a signed letter will gain greater attention.

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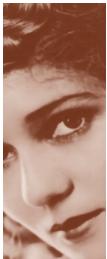
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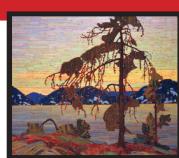
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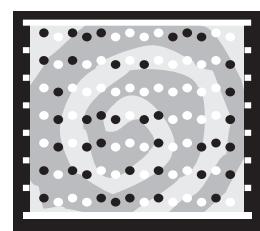
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Artist and storyteller Fay Wilkinson was at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Nov. 28, helping Grade 7 students create masked characters. The process involved students developing their characters in an in-depth way before donning their masks. The workshops Wilkinson is giving are part of the Artists in the Schools programs, a project of the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands.



Left, Fay Wilkinson shows students how to animate their masks.

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During last year's RIDE campaign (2010-2011), the OPP laid 308 impaired driving charges and issued 903 warn range and administrative driver's license suspensions.

Impaired driving continues to be the leading cause of criminal death in Canada.

As of mid-November, in 2011, 40 people

have died in alcohol-related collisions on OPP-patrolled roads and highways compared to 75 this same time last year.

While the number is down significantly this year, even one alcohol-related death is one too many and motorists need to be more proactive in eliminating these preventable fatalities altogether, according to the OPP.

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Book of the Week, Adult Title

Three Cups of Deceit by Jon Krakauer

Five years ago, Greg Mortenson inspired us with his heroic humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan as outlined in his bestselling memoir *Three Cups of Tea*. Now, Jon Krakauer, a bestselling non-fiction author in his own right, is insisting we take a closer look. Is Mortenson really everything he has claimed to be? *Three Cups of Deceit* is a "passionately argued plea for the truth, and a tragic tale of good intentions gone very wrong." If you have read *Three Cups of Tea*, consider this small 70-page book a truth tune-up. You can reserve it at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Book of the Week, Picture Book Title

The Happy Elf by Harry Connick Jr.

Eubie is the happiest elf at the North Pole. More than anything else, he longs to

be part of Santa's sleigh team but instead he is stuck checking the naughty-or-nice lists. One Christmas Eve, he notices that in a town called Bluesville, not a single person has been nice! Can Eubie whip Bluesville into shape in just one day?

The Happy Elf includes a CD of Grammy Award winner Harry Connick Jr.'s original Christmas song - the inspiration for this story.

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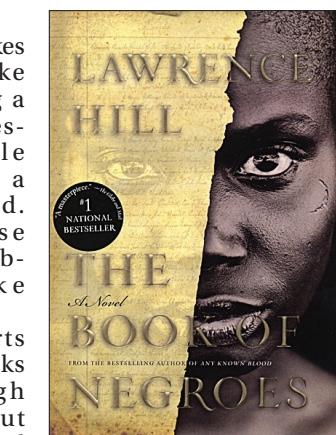
Sandra Dupret, dean of the Haliburton's Fleming College, recently finished Lawrence Hill's *A Book of Negroes*. "You might be familiar with

this book because if its profile in the news around the sensitivity with the title of the book in the USA,

Australia and New Zealand, where it has been has re-titled as *Someone Knows My Name*," says Dupret. "Hopefully you are more familiar with the book because of the rich story and history lesson that it provides readers through the epic life journey of the main fictitious character Aminata Diallo."

"Hill's novel follows the life of an 11-year-old African girl Aminata Diallo," Dupret explains. "Captured by African slave traders in 1745, Diallo is taken from her village in Mali, Africa and forced to cross the Atlantic ocean in a large slave ship that brings her to America, where she is sold to an indigo plantation. From here, we follow her journey as she dreams and struggles to return to her motherland of Africa. While the reader engages with the character and emotional side of the book, in the background the author is successfully developing the plot and setting of the novel. You can see the social and physical settings coming together as one as you are turning the pages."

"I would highly recommend this book," Dupret concludes. "While it is a work of fiction, Hill uses history to inform his



writing which makes it a bit like receiving a history lesson while enjoying a good read. Of course with a subject like slavery, some parts of the books are tough to read but it is a good reminder of the atrocities of our past so that we can be better people in the future."

News and Events

Laura Peter was announced as the second winner of the Haliburton County Public Library's Facebook Book Basket contest. Each week until Christmas we will be giving away a basket of advance-edition books to one of our Facebook followers. "Like" us on Facebook for a chance to win!

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Making healthy donation choices

Jenn Watt
Editor

When you're donating to the local food bank this holiday season, consider choosing healthier food options for those in need - it might end up saving you money in the long run.

That's the message of local public health dietitian Rosie Kadwell, who sees real danger in diets composed of canned and packaged products.

"Those less expensive foods sometimes are not the healthiest," says Kadwell.

"Unhealthy eating is a significant risk factor in a number of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer."

On a strict budget, those living in poverty have few options in the grocery store and to make meager budgets stretch, less healthy foods are often chosen.

To supplement their grocery budgets, many of Haliburton County's low-income residents increasingly rely on food banks to get them through.

Donating higher quality products can help, she says.

Instead of donating Kraft Dinner, consider other options.

"A healthier choice would be a can of tomatoes, pasta, maybe some beans, some canned vegetables," she says.

Another option is to donate money, rather than goods, to the food bank.

At the Minden Food Bank, donations are turned into grocery store vouchers, allowing users to choose fresh items to supplement their monthly allotment from the organization.

"With that \$20 they can buy meat, milk or vegetables. They can only use it for those three things," says Minden Food Bank board chairperson Barbara Walford-Davis.

"We also give out the Good Food Box vouchers. ... We



give them out to families that are really in trouble or that are a large family. The 4Cs does the same thing," she says.

4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff said the food bank has 139 families registered and is preparing for its Christmas basket program, which last year saw 322 recipients.

With financial donations and money generated from the Lily Ann Thrift Shop next door, the organization buys most of the food it gives out from local grocery stores.

It also supplements Community Care's Meals on Wheels program, the fresh milk program for Cardiff and Wilberforce schools and Milk for Moms through SIRCH Commu-

nity Services among other things.

The Minden Food Bank likewise contributes to many local poverty reduction organizations including Community Care and Food for Kids.

Need in the community is increasing.

According to Kadwell, there are now 255 households actively using the county's food banks every month. In 2007, that number was 160.

"We're finding that more and more it's the working poor that are accessing the food banks. It's not just people unemployed, on social assistance, it's the working poor. If you make minimum wage or have seasonal jobs there's not enough money," she said.

There's a misconception that the food bank eliminates hunger issues in the community, or that people in poverty can use the food bank as much as they like.

"You can only access the food bank once a month. The amount of food that you get lasts three or four days. People think that if a community has a food bank, they've solved the hunger issue in their community and that's not the case," Kadwell said.

"All it does is relieve a family for three or four days from starving," Walford-Davis affirms.

Lack of proper nutrition over time costs the Ontario taxpayer \$657 million a year in health-care expenses, Kadwell says, meaning community poverty affects everyone, not just the poor.

Season Greetings

We are pleased to announce that we are relocating our Haliburton office to Minden as of January 1st, 2012. Bernt Fiebiger Denturist, will be joining Dr. Bill Kerr, and Dr. Mike Cusato in Minden at "Dentistry In The Highlands" located at 158 Bobcaygeon Road,

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Annual food and toy drive Dec. 7



Melissa Alfano

Dorset News

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The annual Dorset Children's Christmas Party takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. Please bring one wrapped gift for presentation to your child by Santa and make sure you put your child's name on the gift!

This free party sponsored by the Dorset Lions Club includes entertainment, pizza and refreshments and a fun Christmas craft. All are welcome. For more information, contact Steve Cyopick at 705-766-2469.

Wednesday morning yoga class will start up again on Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

This class is for all levels from beginner to advanced and includes stretches, breathing techniques and meditation to rejuvenate and restore. For more information or to sign up please call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968. A minimum is required so to ensure the class runs—please sign up!

Immediately following yoga class, why not pop in to the mid-week power jam – African hand drumming to explore your own sense of rhythm and the joy of group music making. Drums are provided and the cost is \$10 per person. Call the recreation centre to sign up or for more information.

All are welcome and if you have your own drum, feel free to bring it.

Dorset Book Club takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 7

in the Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library from 1 to 2 p.m. All are welcome to come and discuss your favourite book with the theme of spiritual or winter or Christmas. For more information, contact the branch at 705-766-9969.

The annual food and toy drive takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 7 and the flyers have been delivered to your mailbox with lots of information.

If you are donating this year, the following items are popular; Kraft Dinner, macaroni, spaghetti, peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, and of course, toys. Teenagers seem to be a missed group so if you would like to donate something for teens, makeup is an idea.

Also popular are baby food and other necessities for infants. Often not thought of but could be donated are cat and dog food and cleaning supplies.

Dorset ladies' night is on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. and the theme for December is a Candy Cane Party including games, refreshments and a high energy holiday stress busting drum circle to get ready for the busy month ahead.

Ladies, please bring a wrapped ornament for an ornament exchange and a goody or appetizer to share. For more information, or to sign up, please call the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968. The cost is \$5 per person.

Birthday wishes for the week of Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 go out to Matthew Woods and Gina Baum.

For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) and the Kinark Outdoor Centre are seeking one candidate to fill the position of a Stewardship & Social Marketing Intern. The Intern will assist with the planning and implementation of a variety of stewardship programs and educational initiatives offered to a variety of client groups on various aspects of natural resource management and private land stewardship. The successful candidate would be responsible for learning, utilizing and communicating using social media and marketing including use of these outlets for program promotion and educational awareness.

Term: January 3rd – September 15th 2012 (with the potential for an extension)

Rate of Pay: \$18.00 hr

Location: Minden Ministry of Natural Resources Office & Kinark Outdoor Centre (shared)

For the full job description please email nicole.tuyten@ontario.ca. Please submit your cover letter and resume to Nicole.tuyten@ontario.ca by **December 12th, 2011 4:30pm**. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council: The HHSC is one of 42 Councils across Ontario that is supported by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The HHSC is comprised of respected community leaders representing a variety of interests and provides a forum to recognize and influence community involvement and interest in private land & water stewardship.

The Kinark Outdoor Centre facilitates outdoor education, skill development and adventure based programs to special needs families, social service agencies, schools and community organizations

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Application deadline is December 5, 2011 at 4pm. Interviews will commence Dec. 12-16. Expected start date of employment will vary dependent upon position. Thank you for submitting your resume but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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Last Saturday the route to Lindsay for a birthday lunch meant passing through Fenelon Falls on its Santa Day. The main street was

filled with families out enjoying the pleasant weather and activities. At the high school two teams of giant horses stood patiently waiting while their wagons loaded up ready to head out. We have always enjoyed weatherman Anwar Knight's reporting on Toronto morning television and his daily reference to temperatures in Fenelon Falls. Although not sure of the actual connection we were pleased to learn that he had been named the 2011 Parade Marshall. It certainly was a good job that the threatened rain held off on his watch. Just a note of interest if you were to buy your true love all the items

in the carol *Twelve Days of Christmas* the 2011 bill would total \$101,119!

Hoping to brighten your Christmas and that of another family? The Kinmount and Area Lions Club's annual Angel Tree project is underway with trees located at a variety of locations in town. Please donate a new unwrapped toy/gift for little ones through to teens with the most difficult age group to provide for being the teenagers. The trees can be found at the post office, health centre, Kinmount Pharmacy, Kawartha Credit Union, Gateway Variety and Shop 'N Save. The Lions still have some holiday baked items on hand and to find out what is available give Vic a call at 705-488-3053. For a fun day outing at a great price reserve a space on the Kinmount seniors' bus trip to Casino Rama coming up on Thursday, Dec. 8. The bus will leave the Kinmount Legion parking lot at 9 a.m. and return there at 4 p.m. At a cost of only \$5 which includes lunch this is the best bargain in town so do give Theresa a call at 705-488-1110 to get on board.

As part of its Christmas in the Village celebration Kinmount will join other communities large and small in the Lights Across Canada project as the Christmas tree is lit for the season in the Railway Station yards on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Bring family and friends to this annual event and enjoy country hospitality, the warmth of the wood fire, carols and hot chocolate and maybe even get to whisper in Santa's ear. On Saturday, Dec. 3 there will be a full day of family fun beginning with breakfast with Santa and crafts for kids at the community centre. The Kinney the Elf hunt is already underway with many locations to check out and a draw to enter. At 2 p.m. Santa will meet everyone at the post office and head up to the Legion Branch 441 for a free lunch and also a gift for children aged 10 years and under. That evening at 6 p.m. the annual Christmas Music Night has been expanded to a full roast beef dinner and loonie auction with tickets available at \$12.50/person by calling 705-488-2635. For the full information on all the happenings please visit www.kinmount.ca and/or check the latest issue of the *Kinmount Gazette*.

Traditional Christmas music continues with the combined carol service on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount. All are welcome to come and sing their favourite carols along with the congregations of St. James and Kinmount United Church. In addition to street parking please note that there is limited parking behind the Church for those who find stairs difficult. That morning at Kinmount United Church it will be White Gift Service at 9:45 a.m. and donations of non-perishable food items welcomed. The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace is now open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. but will be opening daily from Friday, Dec. 16 through the 24 for Christmas tax-free shopping. Located on the lower level of the community centre the marketplace is all decorated for the holidays and a great place to visit. Remember that shopping locally helps everyone.

Until next week...



Haliburton team wins Dollo Trophy

The annual Dollo's Master Men's Invitational Bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The bonspiel is sponsored by the local Minden Dollo's Foodland store who also supplied the superb meat prizes. The winning team in the first draw was from the Haliburton Curling Club, skipped by Dave Connell. The winning team for the second draw was from the Minden Curling Club team, skipped by Scotty Boyd. The overall winning team and recipient of the Dollo trophy was Dave Connell's team from Haliburton shown above./Photo submitted

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to say. It was really nice to see friends and neighbours out and supporting our small town parade Alyssa is 11 years old and not a child and not a grown-up, usually at this age there's that dilemma on what to believe—I say—don't take a chance! Anyways, I loved the parade, I loved the small town feel. Before the parade we browsed in some of the stores and saw some really excellent gift ideas at great prices. Another idea for you are gift cards. Haliburton Community Living have a list of 58 businesses from groceries to gas to clothing, entertainment etc. to choose from. The beauty of this plan is you just visit Community Living and order your gift cards

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The Highland Storm Peewee AE, a comeback team

It was an exciting game in Burks Falls when The Highland Storm Peewee AE team met with the Almaguin Ice Devils. Both teams came out flying in the first period, but it didn't take long for the Devils to push through the Storm and take the lead 1-0 in the first period. You could see the Storm team gaining strength in the second period, although down by three, the momentum kept building. The first Storm goal came late in the second period, but that was just the start. The Ice Devils immediately answered with another goal ending the second period with a 4-1 lead.

The third period began with a man advantage for the

Storm and they started the come-back, taking control of the game both offensively and defensively. You could see the Storm slowly increase the adrenaline, come together and seize the third period, scoring three goals in a row, to tie the game. They've done it before and this proved they could do it again. The closely matched teams made the game a thrill to watch and it was a great effort by the entire Storm team. Goals went to Mitch Billings, Trevor Turner, Ben Schmidt, and Jon Morrison. You could say the goals were assisted by the entire team as each player helped make it happen.

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Storm Atom AE matched speed

It was a penalty filled game in Minden on Saturday with the Highland Storm Atom AE team defeated 8-4 by North Muskoka. Storm tried hard and could match North Muskoka's speed but needed a few more quality shots on net. Goals for Highland Storm were by Denver Allore, Miki Bukta, Jake O'Neill and Braden Robinson.

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Peewee As tie game

The winning goal in the first game (Huntsville) was at the four second mark and in the game against Bracebridge, Matt Wilbee got a hat trick.

Dr. Ed Smolen, Family Dentistry Peewee As travelled to Huntsville on Friday, Nov. 25 for a 7 p.m. game on the big ice. The big ice did not seem to bother our boys as they kept up with or out-skated the Huntsville Otters. It was a difficult game with the Storm boys being short handed for most of the second period, but this just seemed to keep our boys determined to win and to not give up. The first goal in the first period was by Chase Burden assisted by Andrew Hall, followed by a second goal by Greg Crofts assisted by Matt Wilbee. The second period being mostly shorthanded, the boys battled hard to maintain their lead but by the end the Otters had scored two goals to tie the game. The Highland Storm came out into the third period with determination, but the Otters scored within a few minutes taking the lead. This did not deflate the Storm they just kept fighting back. As the last seconds ticked off it looked like a win for the Otters, but with just four seconds to go the Storm tied it up with a goal from Matt Wilbee, assisted by Max MacNaull and Ethan Keffer. Once again hard work pays off!

Our game Saturday was against the Bracebridge Bears at 3:30 p.m. in Minden. Having not won a regular season game against the Bears, we were wondering how this one would go, hoping that the third time is a charm, and guess what it was a lucky, hard working charm. The Bears presented themselves in there new jerseys, looking quite smart but this did not help the outcome of the game. Even though the Storm scored first this did not mean the outcome of the game would be in our favour, but the attitude, the passing and the playing of the team seemed to. The first goal was by Greg Crofts, assisted by Matt Wilbee, followed one from Jake Bishop assisted by Kyle Cooper, Matt Wilbee assisted by Max MacNaull and Matt Wilbee assisted by Greg Crofts. So we move onto the second period still a little on edge but so were the Bears not having scored any points and it was repeated in the second period. The Storm boys continuing to play well despite being shorthanded a few times and actually keeping the puck in their opponents end at the same time. Goals in the second period were by Josh Boice assisted by Jake Bull, Matt Wilbee (for a hat trick) assisted by Greg Crofts and Jake Bishop assisted by Devyn Prentice. After the flood we expected for the Bears to come out with determination but it was more like frustration, but they did persevere and managed one goal at the 9:44 mark. Their one goal was answered by 3 from the Storm, making it a 10-1 win and some grumpy Bears. The third period goals were scored by Jake Bull assisted by Chase Burden and Jake Bishop, Chris Thompson assisted by Kyle Cooper and Josh Boice, Matt Wilbee (#4) assisted by Devyn Prentice.

The third game of the weekend against Huntsville in Haliburton did not go as well for the Storm boys as the previous two. They started out the first period well, but the gel that was holding them together seemed to slip. The Otters scored in the first period and twice in the second before the Storm managed to answer with one of their own by Matt Wilbee assisted by Ethan Keefer and Chris Thompson. The third

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Storm lose third game 5-2 against the Otters

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period saw two more goals from the Otters including an empty netter and only one from the Storm again by Matt Wilbee assisted by Max MacNaull and Devyn Prentice. Making for a loss of 5-2. We will be attending the Campbellford Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 3 and a home game on Sunday, Dec. 4 in Minden at 4 p.m.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Bantam AE win B championship

The Bantam AE Highland Storm, sponsored by Dave's Landscaping and McKee Security, participated in the Port Carling tournament this past weekend. They faced a strong team from Zurich in the opener and went down to defeat 4-3. They were down 3-0 in the first period but stormed back in the second with three goals in a 54 second span. Zurich scored once more in the second and despite a strong effort in the third period the Storm couldn't pull out the tie. Brenden McKee, Josh Rowden, and Ryan Edwards scored for the Storm.

The Sunderland Wings were up next and they kept the contest close for the first period and a half. The two teams traded goals and were tied 2-2 until the Storm took control with 4 unanswered markers to take the contest 6-2. Kyle Lavergne and Jayden Wood scored two goals apiece while Brenden McKee and Angus Sullivan added singles.

In the third game of the day the Storm faced the Port Stanley Sailors. The Sailors came out fast and rough and took control of the game early. They dominated throughout and won 4-1. Jayden Wood had the lone goal for the Storm. Despite two loses, the Storm had accumulated enough points to qualify for the B final.

The B Championship saw the boys facing the hometown team from Port Carling. The Thunder were brimming with confidence after defeating the Storm twice in regular season play. A fast start by the Storm set the tone for the game. They missed some chances early but continued to press. Lucas Esson staked the team to a lead and after a Port Carling score he struck once again to restore the advantage. Ryan Edwards scored next and they finished the period up 3-1. Brenden McKee had the only goal of the second period and in the third Drew Vanlieshout and Jayden Wood each scored to finish off the home team.

Austin McKay and Cole Finlay provided strong goaltending throughout the tourney while Jayden Wood earned the MVP award in the final game.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Atom As go to Silverstick finals

Saturday the Atom As travelled away to play in the Silverstick in Wasaga Beach, we started our day out playing the home team Wasaga Beach Stars. The boys played an amazing game keeping up with the Stars both offensive and defensively. The goaltending was also right on the ball stopping some great saves when needed.

The goals were scored by Zach Morissette, assisted by Owen Gilbert and Austin French and Luke Hunter assisted by Nic Dollo. We unfortunately came up a little short in the end losing 3-2. We played our second game against the Manatoulin Panthers, and we as a team played another amazing game. We came out on top of this game, 8-0, goals were scored by Austin French scoring a beautiful hat trick assisted by both Owen Gilbert and Zach Morissette. Owen Gilbert (2) assisted by Zach Morissette. Nik Dollo (1) assisted by Shawn Walker and

Luke Hunter. Zach Morissette (1) unassisted. Ben MacNaull (1) assisted by Luke Hunter. Carson Sisson playing this game like he was a pro stopping everything that came near him. He earned himself his first shut out of the tourney. Which put us in the semi finals on Sunday against the Schomberg Red Wings we went out and played with some tremendous heart and won, scoring the winning goal with only four seconds left in the game was Zach Morissette. The goal was passed out from the corner of the net from Owen Gilbert with two assists for this game. The other goals in the game were scored by Shawn Walker assisted by Luke Hunter and Lucas Headicke. The game was a battle right from the beginning back and forth our boys passing was right on the money, winning this game we found ourselves off to the finals, against Wasaga Beach Stars and boy oh boy, let me tell you, this was a nail biter! With the boys a little run down from the previous 3 games we played this weekend, we came out onto that ice no worse for wear. The whole team had a win in their sights and never looked back, and that is what the whole team did was play as hard as they could and took this team by surprise beating the 5-0. The goals this game were scored by Luke Hunter (3) getting himself a hat trick this game assisted by Nik Dollo (2), Nik also scored a goal (2) the first one of his goals was unassisted and the second one was assisted by Bo Stevenson. The goaltending this game was stellar! Carson had that puck in his sights the whole game stopping every shot like he knew exactly what they were planning to try and score, but shut the door on every one of them! Earning himself a second shut out of this tournament. We are now off to Sarnia in January to the Silverstick finals. Way to go boys every one of your parents is so proud of how you played this weekend. Hold your heads high and be proud of yourselves too because this is a huge honour to have won this tournament.

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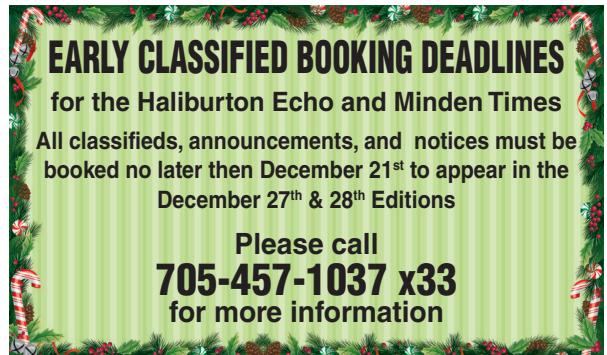
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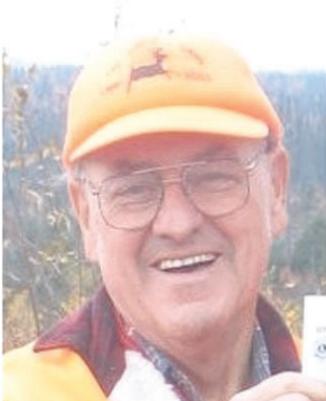
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HOGG, Les - Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at the age of 80. Beloved husband of late Lorna Marie (nee Corby) (January 19, 2011). Dear father of Valerie and her partner Brian of Lindsay, Susan and her husband Warren Payne, Bill, Brian (Bing) and his fiancee Lila Cooper, all of Minden. Loving papa of Angie (Don), Richard, Adam (Sanya), Amanda, Corinne, Matt (Trish), Rene (Robbie), Lacey and great papa of Chad. Dear brother of Lorna and predeceased by his brother Harold. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, November 25, 2011 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Memorial Service at 3:00 pm. Reception will follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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In memoriam



Guardy D. Campbell
December 1, 2010

In loving memory of a husband, father, father-in-law, grandpa, and great grandpa.

The moment that you died,
Our hearts split in two,
The one side filled with memories,
The other died with you.
We often lay awake at night,
When the world is fast asleep,
And take a walk down memory lane,
With tears upon our cheeks.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,
But missing you is a heartache,
That never goes away.
We hold you tightly within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
Life has gone on without you,
But it never will be the same.
For those who still have their husbands and
dads,
Treat him with tender care,
You will never know the emptiness,
As when you turn and he is not there.

Jean, Cindy, Barry, Chris, Vicki, Carson,
Sue and Families

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Elsa Mohr

(Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)



Elsa Mohr, age 87, a resident of People Care, Stratford, went to her eternal home on Wednesday November 23, 2011. Born in Oberwangen, Switzerland, she immigrated to Canada in 1949 to be with her family. Beloved wife of the late Vernon Mohr whom she married on October 10, 1959 and who predeceased her in 2004. Elsa was the eldest daughter of the late Rudolf and Margaretha Burki. Dear sister of Paula Coulton, Margaret Erb (Harold) and Hildegarde Burki. She will be missed by fifteen nieces and nephews, six grand nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by brothers Frederick and Rudolph. Elsa had been a secretary for Mutual Life in Waterloo for many years. After living in North Easthope they moved to Haliburton area in 1969, where they lived on their mink and silver fox ranch until 1987. They retired to the Park Lane Seniors Complex until Vernon's death. Elsa returned to Stratford to be closer to her family, and made her home at People care, where she lived until her passing.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends and relatives called at the **W.G. YOUNG FUNERAL HOME**, 430 Huron St., Stratford on Saturday November 26th from 2 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 3 p.m. followed by a reception. Then to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 for visitation on Sunday afternoon, November 27, 2011 from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Monday morning, November 29, 2011 at 10 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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I remember all the bad times

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I remember all the struggles

and remember all the fears,

and remember all the happiness

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Forever in my heart

Love and miss you so much Eileen

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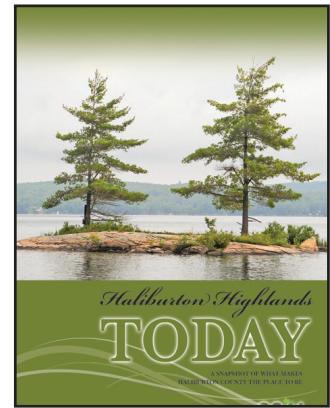
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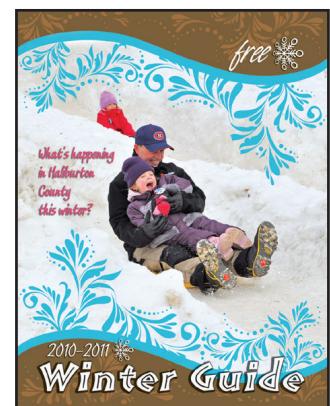
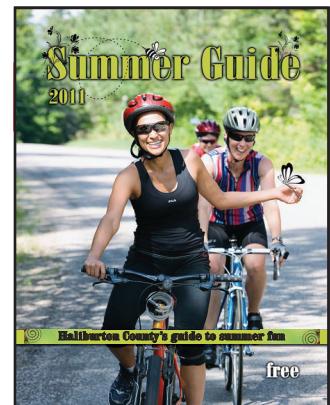
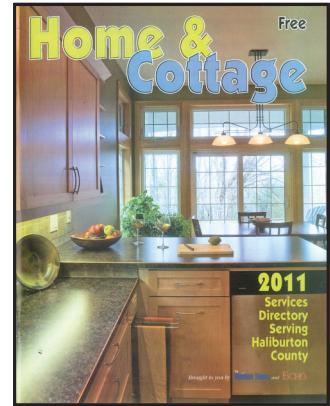


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